

September 26th news:

International issues:

- Merkel Wins Fourth Term

Angela Merkel's has won another term as Chancellor in Germany. The elections were conducted on 24th September, and these were left Merkel's bloc weakened — with only 246 of Bundestag's 709 seats. However, the result leaves no other party able to lead a new government, and Merkel herself lacks any obvious internal challenger

- The Bundestag is a constitutional and legislative body at the federal level in Germany
- In the Bundestag, Merkel's conservative bloc won 32.9 percent of the vote, down 8.6 points from the 2013 election and hitting its lowest level since 1949

National issues:

- Enquiry commission formed in TN

Tamil Nadu government has constituted an inquiry commission under a retired high court judge Justice Arumugasamy to probe former chief minister J Jayalithaa's death.

Jayalithaa was six term chief minister of Tamilnadu. She passed away on December 5th, 2017

Economy:

- Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli har Ghar Yojna launched

In order to provide electricity to un-electrified households, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched on 25th September the 'Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana

The scheme is named 'Saubhagya' and will provide subsidy on equipment like transformers, meters and wires. Four crore people of the country are yet to get electricity and are dependent upon lanterns to light their homes.

The total outlay of the project is Rs. 16, 320 **crore** while the Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) is Rs. 12,320 crore. The outlay for the rural households is Rs. 14,025 crore while the GBS is Rs. 10,587.50 crore. For the urban households the outlay is Rs. 2,295 crore while GBS is Rs. 1,732.50 crore. The Government of India will provide largely funds for the Scheme to all States/UTs.

The expected outcome of the Scheme is as follows:

- Environmental upgradation by substitution of Kerosene for lighting purposes
- Improvement education services
- Better health services
- Enhanced connectivity through radio, television, mobiles, etc.
- Increased economic activities and jobs
- Improved quality of life especially for women

Sports issues:

- Wrestler Bajrang wins gold in Asian Indoor Games

In Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, Indian wrestler Bajrang beat Daichi Takatani of Japan in the men's freestyle 65kg final to win the gold. Indians added four medals including a gold on the ninth day of the games at Ashgabat in Turkmenistan on 24th September.

Two women wrestlers Sheetal Tomar and Navjot Kaur also grabbed a bronze each.

Krishnan Sasikiran won the third bronze in men's standard individual chess. India now stands at 12th place in the medals tally with 6 gold, 7 silver and 11 bronze

The 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, which is also counted as the 5th Asian Indoor Games, is currently held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan in 2017.

Persons in news

- Award to CNR Rao

Eminent Scientist and Bharat Ratna Prof C.N.R. Rao awarded as 2017 Von Hippel Award, the highest international prize in materials research.

Arthur Robert von Hippel was a German American materials scientist and physicist. Von Hippel was a pioneer in the study of dielectrics, ferromagnetic and ferroelectric materials, and semiconductors and was a codeveloper of radar during World War II

On his name an award was instituted by Material Research Society.

The Materials Research Society (MRS) is a non-profit, professional organization for materials researchers, scientists and engineers. Established in 1973

- New CAG of India Rajiv Mehrishi

Rajiv Mehrishi took over as the Comptroller and Auditor General on 25th September. He was administered the oath of office and secrecy by President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Mr Mehrishi succeeds Shashi Kant Sharma

According to article 148, of Constitution of India.....

- There shall be a Comptroller and Auditor-General of India who shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal and shall only be removed from office in like manner and on like grounds as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- Every person appointed to be the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India shall, before he enters upon his office, make and subscribe before the President or some person appointed in that behalf by him, an oath or affirmation according to the form set out for the purpose in the Third Schedule.
- The first CAG of India Narahari